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Dear Sir,

The applicant submitted a request for CoC on 11/18/2005 and hasn't got any reply from the USPTO. After inquiring with Ms. Joyce about the status of CoC of the above-identified patent, the applicant resubmitted the request for CoC on 10/19/2006 (Attachment). But the corrected certificate has not been received till now.

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The undersigned agent hereby respectfully requests for Certificate of Correction of the above-identified patent be executed as soon as possible. Your quick response will be

greatly appreciated.

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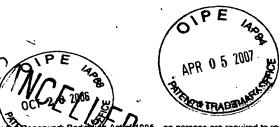
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25 Dear Sir,

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, patentee noted the foreign priority number should be corrected (see Attachment 1, the front page of letters patent). The prosecution procedure described below indicates this as an Office mistake of consequence. As the agent of record, I hereby request that a Certificate of Correction be issued under 37 CFR 1.322 to correct the foreign priority number from "TW 091173385" to "TW 091117385".

The examiner pointed out in the Office action dated 03/04/2004 that the filing number of the priority document submitted did not match the priority number cited in applicant's declaration. Actually, the filing number on the front page of priority document (Attachment 2) and the priority number cited in applicant's declaration (Attachment 3) were exactly the same. So in the response to Office action submitted on 05/26/2004, the applicant explained the pertinent fact and requested notification at the earliest possible convenience so that appropriate action could be taken. However, no further Office communication mentioned about priority problem. Then the Notice of Allowance dated 04/27/2005 was received. It was construed that the examiner had no objection against priority problem. The foreign priority number claimed by the applicant of above-identified patent should be TW 091117385.

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# Attachment 1

Please correct the priority number from "091173385" to "091117385".

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(54) STATE MACHINE, COUNTER AND RELATED METHOD FOR GATING REDUNDANT TRIGGERING CLOCKS ACCORDING TO INITIAL STATE

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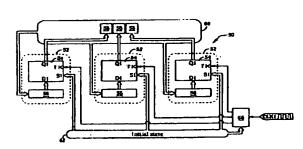
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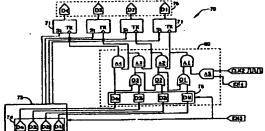
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ABSTRACT

A state machine, a counter, and related method for gating redundant triggering clocks according to the initial states is provided. The state machine includes a phrality of state units and a clock gating circuit. Each of the state unit is triggered by a clock to generate a corresponding varying state, and the clock gating circuit is capable of selectively withholding a triggering clock to at least one state unit according only to an initial state, such that the selected state unit(s) will not be triggered by the triggering clock while the rest of the state units are triggered by the triggering clock to update their corresponding states.

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Attachment 3

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As a below named inventor; I hereby declare that:
I believe I am the sole ( if only one name appears below), or a joint ( if more than one name appears ), original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:  "STATE MACHINE, COUNTER AND RELATED METHOD FOR GATING REDUNDANT TRIGGERING CLOCKS ACCORDING TO INITIAL STATE"
+ The specification for the above entitled invention is filed herewith.
The specification for the above entitled invention was filed previously with application serial number: Filing Date:
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (a). I further acknowledge the duty in any continuation-in-part application to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to the patentability of the invention disclosed in this application, as defined in 1.56, which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.  PRIORITY CLAIM
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